Robyn Sweaney

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 ***Love and other stories*** | Arthouse Gallery | Sydney NSW
2025 ***Drift*** | Arthouse Gallery | Melbourne Art Fair
2023 ***New work*** | Arthouse Gallery | Sydney Contemporary
Paradise lost | Anthea Polson Art | Main Beach QLD
2022 ***Living on the edge*** | Arthouse Gallery | Sydney NSW
2021 ***Long road home*** | Anthea Polson Art | Main Beach QLD
2020 ***Hidden in plain sight*** | Arthouse Gallery | Sydney NSW
2019 ***Dwell*** | Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre | Murwillumbah NSW
2018 ***Backwards looking forwards*** | Arthouse Gallery | Sydney NSW
The nature of things | Anthea Polson Art | Southport QLD
2017 ***The summer that was*** | Arthouse Gallery | Sydney NSW
2016 ***Fade to blue*** | Anthea Polson Art | Southport QLD
Looking Sideways…..Heading West | Arthouse Gallery | Sydney NSW
2013 ***Topia*** | Anthea Polson Art | Southport QLD
Finding Mrs Frisby | Art Piece Gallery | Mullumbimby NSW
a quiet obsession…Mrs Violet Frisby | Sheffer Gallery | Sydney NSW
2011 ***Road Trip, from here to there and places in-between*** | Anthea Polson Art | Southport QLD
2009 ***New Work*** | Iain Dawson Gallery | Sydney NSW
2007 ***Emoh Ruo*** | Tim Olsen Gallery | Sydney NSW
2006 ***the house beautiful*** | Lismore Regional Gallery | Lismore NSW
2004 ***a rose is a rose....*** | Portland Bay Press | Portland VIC
2003 ***Sub rosa series*** | Piece Gallery | Mullumbimby NSW
Sub rosa | Grafton Regional Gallery | Grafton NSW
1994 ***From my life at home*** | Griffith Fine Art Gallery | Condong NSW
1992 ***Connections*** | Cape Gallery | Byron Bay NSW

RESIDENCIES

2024 In the field, Arthouse Gallery artists residency, Fowlers Gap Research Station, NSW
2019 Police Point AIR, Gatekeepers Cottage, Portsea, Victoria, Mornington Peninsular Regional Gallery, Victoria
2017 The June Hedditch studio-apartments @ The Arts Company, Portland, Victoria
2012 The Broken Hill Art Exchange, NSW
2008 Hill End Artists in Residence Program – Murray's Cottage, NSW
2004 The June Hedditch studio-apartments @ The Arts Company, Portland, Victoria

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2026 *The Doyles Art Award*, Landscape Third Prize, Qld
2024 *The Doyles Art Award*, Landscape Second Prize, Qld
2022 Cultural Tourism Capacity Grant, Regional Arts Australia
2019 *Wynne Trustees Watercolour Prize,* Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
2017 *Tattersall's Landscape Art Prize*, Tattersalls Club, Brisbane, Highly Commended
2016 *Allan Gamble Memorial Award*, Mosman Art Prize | *Border Art Prize*, First Prize
2015 *Paddington Art Prize*, Honourable Mention
2011 *Paddington Art Prize*, Highly Commended
2010 *The Northern Rivers Portrait Prize*, Highly Commended |*Stanthorpe Art Festival 2010*, Acquired
2009 *Country Energy Landscape Prize*, Highly Commended
2008 *Border Art Prize*, Open Second Prize | Quick Turnaround Grant, NSW Regional Arts
2007 *St Johns Art Festival*, Open Prize | *Southern Cross,* Second Watercolour & Third Works on Paper
2006 NAVA Marketing Grant
2005 *Southern Cross,* First Prize Painting & First Prize Miniatures
2003 *Southern Cross*, First Prize Mixed Media| *Pink Poodle Art Prize*, Commended, Bond University Gallery
2002 *Southern Cross,* Highly Commended Printmaking |*Border Art Prize,* Tweed Regional Gallery, Highly Commended Painting
2001 *St Hilda's Festival of Arts,* Highly Commended Painting |*Southern Cross,* First Painting
2000 *Byron Easter Art Classic,* Second Printmaking
1998 *Byron Print Prize,* Barebones Art Space, Local's Award

COLLECTIONS

Australian Parliament House Art Collection | Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW |Art Bank | HOTA, Home of the Arts | Grafton Regional Gallery Lismore Regional Gallery | Southern Downs Regional Art Collection, Stanthorpe | Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre | Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina Shire Council | Gold Coast University Hospital | Private collections in Australia and overseas

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GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND SELECTED SHOWS

2026 T***he Wynne Prize for Landscape***, Touring show | ***Salon Des Refuses,*** S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***Lost in Palm Springs*****,** Ipswich & Bundaberg RG

2025 ***The Wynne Prize for Landscape***, Finalist, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney | ***Lost in Palm Springs*****,** Devonport Regional Gallery, TAS
The Comfort of home, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Murwillumbah | ***In Suburbia: Recent Detours,*** SH Ervin Gallery
T***he Wynne Prize for Landscape***, Touring show | ***30 Year Showcase****, Arthouse Gallery, Sydney*

2024 ***The Wynne Prize for Landscape***, Finalist, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney | ***The Wynne Prize for Landscape***, Touring show, Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Murwillumbah | ***30 Years of Arthouse Gallery*** |**Wollumbin Art Award,** Finalist**,** Tweed Regional Gallery | ***Lost in Palm Springs*****,** Griffith Regional Art Gallery, Art Gallery of Ballarat, Signal Point Gallery, SA

2023 ***The Wynne Prize for Landscape***, Finalist, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney | ***The Wynne Prize for Landscape***, Touring show
Paper & Clay, Arthouse Gallery Sydney | ***Lost in Palm Springs*****,** HOTA, QLD, Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Manly Art Gallery & Museum **|** ***Paddington Art Prize,*** Paddington Sydney

2022 ***Salon Des Refuses,*** S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***Summer salon*****,** group exhibition**,** Arthouse Gallery, Sydney **|** ***Korean - Australian Art Prize*** (KAAF), Finalist, Sydney **|** ***The Police Point Air Retrospective Exhibition,*** Mornington Peninsula, VIC | ***The Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize*****,** Ravenswood School for Girls, NSW

2021 ***Salon Des Refuses,*** S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***HOTA COLLECTS, Australia's Playground: Art on the Gold Coast*****,** HOTA, QLD | ***I AM HERE,*** **group exhibition,** Arthouse Gallery, Sydney

2020 ***MPRG: FIFTY,*** Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Vic | ***You are here: art of the region,*** Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre | **FOUND! Studio Dog**, Bundaberg Regional Gallery, QLD

2019 ***The Wynne Prize for Landscape***, Finalist, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney | Korean - Australian Art Prize (KAAF), Finalist, Sydney | ***Tattersall's Club Landscape Prize****,* Brisbane | ***Portia Geach Memorial Award***, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***Reflections of a Fading Sky***, Arthouse Gallery group exhibition | ***Love****,* Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre

2018 ***Salon Des Refuses,*** S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***Tattersall's Club Landscape Prize****,* Tattersall's Club, Brisbane | ***Under the sun,*** Arthouse Gallery group exhibition | ***Three Decades: celebrating the Tweed Regional Gallery collection,*** Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre | ***JADA, Jacaranda Drawing Prize,*** Grafton Regional Gallery | ***New Galleries, collection exhibition***, State Library NSW | ***BAM Art Prize***, Thom Gallery, Byron Bay

2017 ***The Wynne Prize for Landscape***, Finalist, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney | ***Sydney Contemporary***, Carriageworks, Arthouse Gallery group exhibition | ***Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize,*** Bendigo Art Gallery, Vic | ***House Show,*** Constance ARI, Hobart Tasmania | ***Summer 17 & PAPER,*** Arthouse Gallery, Sydney | ***Tattersall's Club Landscape Prize****,* Brisbane | ***The Bridges: The Second Year***, Grafton Regional Gallery

2016 ***Planting Dreams: Celebrating Australian gardens,*** State Library of NSW, Sydney | ***Sensations: Accessing Collections,*** Grafton Regional Gallery ***Salon Des Refuses,*** S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | **Tattersall's *Club Landscape Prize****,* Brisbane | ***The Popular Pet Show***, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra | ***The Bridges: The First Year***, Grafton Regional Gallery

2015 ***Under the Sun,*** Arthouse Gallery, Sydney | ***Paddington Art Prize***, Finalist, Sydney | ***Hurford Harwood Portrait Prize***, Finalist, Lismore | ***Tattersall's Club Landscape Prize****,* Brisbane | ***The Mosman Art Prize***, Finalist, Mosman Art Gallery | ***Australia Fair,*** Lismore Regional Gallery | ***Unfolding Splendour***, Arthouse Gallery, Sydney | ***JADA, Jacaranda Drawing Prize*** touring show | ***The Garden Show,*** art piece gallery, Mullumbimby

2014 ***Gold Coast Art Prize,*** Finalist, Gold Coast City Art Gallery | ***JADA Jacaranda Drawing Prize****,* Finalist, Grafton Regional Gallery | ***Salon Des Refuses,*** S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***Gallipoli Art Prize****,* Finalist, Gallipoli Memorial Club, Sydney

2013 ***Portia Geach Memorial Award***, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***Fleurieu Art Prize***, Finalist, SA | ***Salon Des Refuses****,* S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***Northern Rivers Portrait Prize***, Finalist, Lismore Regional Gallery

2012 ***Paddington Art Prize***, Finalist, Sydney |***The Doug Moran National Portrait Prize***, Selected Semi-Finalist, Sydney | ***Gallipoli Art Prize***, Finalist, Gallipoli Memorial Club, Sydney | ***Salon Des Refuses,*** S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***The Northern Rivers Portrait Prize***, Selected Finalist, Lismore Regional Gallery

2011 ***The Wynne Prize for Landscape***, Finalist, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney | ***Paddington Art Prize***, Selected Finalist, Sydney | ***The Tattersall's Club Landscape Prize****,* Brisbane | ***The Doug Moran National Portrait Prize****,* Finalist, Sydney | ***The Adelaide Perry Drawing Prize***, Finalist, PLC, Sydney | ***The Australian Character****,* works from the collection, Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah

2010 ***Paddington Art Prize***, Finalist, Sydney | ***JADA Jacaranda Drawing Prize****,* Finalist, Grafton Regional Gallery | ***Salon Des Refuses,*** Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah | ***The Distance Between Knowing and Not Knowing*****,** Art Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby | ***The Industrialists***, Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah | ***The Mosman Art Prize***, Finalist, Mosman Art Gallery | The ***2010 Northern Rivers Portrait Prize***, Finalist, Lismore Regional Gallery | ***Salon Des Refuses***, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***Stanthorpe Art Festival***, Finalist, Stanthorpe Regional Gallery, QLD| ***Countryscapes***, Chifley Tower, Sydney

2009 ***Sulman Prize***, Finalist, AGNSW, Sydney | ***Salon Des Refuses***, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***Paddington Art Prize,*** Finalist, Sydney | ***The Mosman Art Prize***, Finalist, Mosman Art Gallery | ***EMSLA***, ***Still Life Award***, Finalist, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery | ***Country Energy Prize for Landscape Painting***, Finalist, Lismore Regional Gallery | ***About a Tree***, Art Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby | ***The Collectors Paradise Show***, Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina | ***Industrialists***, Group show, QDOS Gallery, Lorne | ***Hot In The City,*** Iain Dawson Gallery, Paddington, Sydney

2008 ***Salon Des Refuses***, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney | ***HOME***, Lismore Regional Gallery | ***EMSLA***, ***Still Life Award***, Finalist, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery | ***JADA*** **Jacaranda Drawing Prize,** Selected Finalist, Grafton Regional Gallery | ***ArtPost,*** ABC TV & Regional Arts | ***Wish You Were Here,*** **Friends Exhibition,** Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah | ***Mosman Art Prize Exhibition,*** Finalist**,** Mosman Gallery, Sydney | ***Solstice,*** a winter exhibition, Tim Olsen Gallery, Woollahra | ***Salon Des Refuses***, Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah | ***2 X 2***, Tim Olsen Gallery, Woollahra | ***Countryscapes***, The Gunnery**,** Woolloomooloo

2007 ***Country Energy Prize for Landscape Painting***, Finalist, Dubbo Regional Gallery | ***EMSLA, Still Life Award***, Finalist, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery | ***Hutchins Art Prize***, Finalist, Tasmania | ***Macarthur Cook Art Awards***, Finalist, Melbourne | ***Solstice***, a winter exhibition, Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney | ***Prometheus Art Exhibition***, Finalist | ***JADA Traveling Exhibition***, Tamworth Regional Gallery | ***Come Hither: Interpretations of the Boudoir****,* Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

2006 ***AusGallery NSW***, Australian Government Trade Commission promotion DVD | ***Local Art,*** LRG, Byron Bay Writers Festival, Byron Bay | **FEHVA Exhibition** and Auction, Byron Bay Community Centre, Byron Bay | ***Identity***, Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby

2005 ***Countryscapes 2005***, Parliament of NSW Fountain Court Gallery, Sydney, NSW | ***Country Energy Prize for Landscape Painting*****,** Finalist, Grafton Regional Gallery | ***JADA*****, *Jacaranda Drawing Prize*** Exhibition, Wagga Wagga Regional Gallery, NSW | ***Print Night***, Grafton Regional Gallery | ***c.a.s.e...unpacked***, Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah | ***man's best friend***, next contemporary art space, SCUniversity, Lismore

2004 ***JADA*****, Jacaranda Drawing Prize**, Finalist, Grafton Regional Gallery | ***Lismore Regional Treasures***, Lismore Regional Gallery

2003 ***The Inaugural Print Night,*** Grafton Regional Gallery | The ***2003 Postcard Show****.* Grafton Regional Gallery | ***Pink Poodle Art Prize,*** Bond University Gallery, QLD

2002 ***Art as Investment****,* Lismore Regional Art Gallery | ***Erotica [e]***, Print Portfolio, Lismore Regional Art Gallery | ***Works in Progress****,* Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby, ***Doors of Perception***, *Piece* Gallery, Mullumbimby, NSW

2000 – **1993** – Selected exhibitions
Recent Work, TAFE Fine Art Teachers, Lismore Regional Gallery | ***Elvis has left the building,*** Barebones Art Space, Bangalow | ***Still Life***, Art Galleries Schubert, QLD | ***Colours of Summer***, Mary-Jo Voight Fine Art Gallery, Sydney | ***Hair of the Dog,*** Barebones Art Space, Bangalow | ***Australian Women Artists,*** Art Galleries Schubert | ***The Art of Still Life***, Art Galleries Schubert, Marina Mirage | ***A cow of an exhibition,*** Barebones Art Space, Bangalow ***Traveling Print Show,*** Grafton Regional Gallery | ***The Art of Pastel,*** Art Galleries Schubert, Marina Mirage

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

2011 – 2015	Education and Audience Development Officer, Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah
2009 - 2011	Teacher of Fine Arts, TAFE, Lismore and Murwillumbah Campus's
2006 - 2002	Co - Director and curator c.a.s.e. Inc. @ Piece Gallery, Artist-run exhibition space and studio, Mullumbimby
1975 - 1978	B.Ed. Arts and Crafts. State College of Victoria at Melbourne

REPRODUCED – PUBLISHED

2025 John MacDonald***, In Suburbia: Recent Detours,*** 14 March | Melbourne School of Design Journal, *Inflection*, #12: Love, ***What's Love got to do with it,*** pg. 12 – 13 **|** ***In Suburbia Recent Detours,*** National Trust S.H. Ervin Gallery exhibition catalogue, curated by Gavin Wilson

2024 The Saturday Age, Spectrum, 17 August, *Exhibition,* ***Lost in Palm Springs***, Tiarney Miekus

2023 ***Reading the rooms, Behind the paintings of the State Library of NSW***, page 206 – 207, 308, book published by NEW South Publishing
Lost in Palm Springs, Greer Honeywill, pg. 245 & 247, book published by Melbourne Books | ***Lost in Palm Springs***, Education Resource, HOTA, pg. 14 & 15 | **Robyn Sweaney, Education Video,** HOTA, Videographer: Corey Mark Fisher & Producer: Carla Spano

2022 BAM. Byron Art Magazine, Issue 23, ***Paradise lost*** | The Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum*, John McDonald,* ***The reject shop: The works the Archibald's didn't want,*** May 2022 | BAM. Byron Art Magazine, Issue 21, ***Long road home***, pg. 40 - 45

2021 The Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum*,* ***Salon des Refusés*** *2021,* 11 June, 2021 | ***Long road home****,* Jacqueline Houghton, Catalogue Essay

2020 The Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum*,* ***Too much art is barely enough as galleries reopen,*** 11 June, John McDonald
Hidden in Plain Sight*,* E. Walsh, Catalogue Essay

2019 ***Dwell,*** E. Walsh, Catalogue Essay

2018 The Sydney Morning Herald, ***Out from the store rooms: rare paintings that capture NSW life,*** Steve Meacham November 23, 2018
The Design Files, ***An Exhibition of Modernist Suburban Homes, Painted in Brilliant Detail,*** Sally Tabart, 6 December 2018
Art Guide, PREVIEW, ***Backwards Looking Forward***, Barnaby Smith, 5 December 2018
Australian House and Garden, ***Face Painting,*** January Summer Issue, Page 194
The Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum, ***Secrets of the State***, Steve Meacham, page 18 & 19
The Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum, ***Salon des Refuses: No need for consolation tones,*** John McDonald
Artist Profile, Issue 42, **Insight, Robyn Sweaney**, Process article | BAM. Byron Art Magazine, Summer 17, issue 8, pg. 32

2017 ***Archibald 2017: objections to winning work are merely whinges over style***, Andrew Frost*,* The Guardian
Time & Tide shortlisted for the Wynne, Candida Baker, Verandah Magazine
Congratulations Robyn Sweaney, 2017 Wynne Prize Finalist*,* BAM, Byron Arts Magazine, Alana Wilson

2016 ***The Popular Pet Show,*** catalogue, essay by Sarah Engledow, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
Planting Dreams: Shaping Australian Gardens, book publication, Richard Aitken, State Library of NSW
Pets get top billing in Popular Pet Show at the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra, 4 Nov, SMH, Karen Viggers
Dogs get star billing in The Popular Pet Show at the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra, 3 Nov, Sally Pryor
Portrait, National Portrait Gallery, Spring issue, ***Finding Mrs Frisby,*** essay Robyn Sweaney
Verandah Magazine, ***The Promise (Of A Promise Of A Promise) Wins Prize,*** Candida Baker
The Sydney Morning Herald, *The Short List, 20 things to see, hear and do this weekend,* Sharne Wolff
BAM. Byron Art Magazine, **Interview,** Alana Wilson | Artist Profile magazine, ***Robyn Sweaney | Fade to blue***, 3 November 2016

2013 The Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum, ***More than face value - Salon Des Refuse*** review, John McDonald

2012 The Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum, ***Salon Des Refuse***, John McDonald

2011 The Gold Coast Bulletin, artworld, ***noplacelike…*** Marina Saint Martin | The Art Life, ***A Platform for Legends,*** Sharne Wolff
The Northern Star, ***Mrs Frisby's Brush with fame,*** Dominic Feain

2009 The Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum, **Open Gallery**, Lissa Christopher
All the way home: Poetry from Byron Bay and beyond / edited by Laura Jan Shore and Bev Sweeney; illustrated by Robyn Sweaney, Dangerously Poetic Press, Byron Bay, NSW
Arts Northern Rivers, VAN Report, ***Case study,*** Melitta Firth | **Sunday Arts** – ABC TV, Episode 16
The Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum, ***When losers are winners – Salon Des Refuse,*** John McDonald
The Northern Star, Art speak, ***Lismore hosts the Country Energy Art Prize***, Steven Alderton
The Northern Star, **Border Art Prize**, Nerida Woolley

2008 Tweed Sun, ***Mooball Mastery*** | Byron Shire Echo, photo Jeff Dawson
The Sydney Morning Herald, ***Full of life, still or otherwise***, John McDonald
ArtPost, ABC TV & Regional Arts, Web profile – Photos & interview David Batty, Rebel films
North Coast ARTS Quarterly, Summer, ***Artist Profile***, Sonia Caeiro

2007 Radio National, By Design, Conversation, ***House Painter***
Beyond Region: Public Galleries in New South Wales*, published by* Arts NSW, M&GNSW and the Australia Council
Visual Arts Network News, ***Van Speed Dating: First Cabs Off The Rank!***, Melitta Firth
Australian Art Collector, ***Tim Olsen gets serious,*** Carmel Dwyer | artReach Magazine, Melitta Firth

2006 ***The House Beautiful***, Lisa Byrne, LRG Exhibition Catalogue | The Northern Star, ***A year of art - Steven gives us his top ten***, Steven Alderton
North Coast Arts Quarterly, Rosie Lee | Byron Shire Echo, Louise Beaumont | The Northern Star, ***A brushstroke in time,*** Steven Alderton
The Northern Star***, Is it a book?*** Candida Baker | Northern Rivers Arts Quarterly, Spring | Northern Rivers Arts Quarterly, Summer